



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council

**THRU:** Stephanie Hayden-Howard, Assistant City Manager

**FROM:** Lucia Athens, Chief Sustainability Officer

**DATE:** June 11, 2021

**SUBJECT:** **Staff Update - Resilience Hub Resolution 20210408-028**

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### Background

On April 8, 2021, City Council passed [Resolution 20210408-028](#), which directs the City Manager to engage with the Office of Sustainability and other relevant City departments, school districts, and external partners to 1) create a plan, budget recommendations, funding strategies, and a timeline for designing and equipping an initial six pilot hubs for disasters, including the necessary power and water redundancies, and 2) budget recommendations, funding strategies, and a timeline for creating a community-wide resilience hub plan sufficient to serve all Austinites during emergencies.

### Work in Progress

Staff has been working diligently on the response to this Council Resolution, in collaboration with over 30 individuals from 17 City departments. In addition, staff has been convening critical conversations with external partners including Travis County, Central Health, and AISD, including options for Resilience Hub locations and potential shared funding models. Good progress is being made on this important and complex topic.

### Next Steps

To provide a comprehensive response, staff will need further input from our internal and external partners. We anticipate providing an update to Council by July 10, 2021 soon after the City Manager's budget presentation. We will continue our analysis during budget deliberations.

Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at [lucia.athens@austintexas.gov](mailto:lucia.athens@austintexas.gov).

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